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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: DEVELOPMENTS IN LAVADO LAVARES CASE
REF: NOVTEVIDEC 4806 AND PREVIOUS
1. IN DISCUSSION WITH SOURCE NOVEMBER 14,
[REDACTED] PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON

THIS CASE AS FOLLOWS:

2. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO
EXPRESS INTEREST TO THE GOV IN LAVARES' CASE AS
PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED. THE GOV IS "NOT SENSITIVE"
TO THIS SITUATION, AND THERE ARE FEW PROSPECTS FOR
AN EARLY AND EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION BY THE GOV ON
LAVARES' BEHALF. EARLIER THIS MONTH, "EXCISOR"
ESTABLISHED AN OFFICIAL CALLING ON THE GOV TO ACT ON
THIS BEHALF. HOWEVER, THE STAINED ON RELATIONS BETWEEN
EXCISOR AND THE GOV, AS WELL AS INTERNAL
CONFLICTS WITHIN THE NEWSPAPER, APPEAR TO RULE OUT
ANY SUCH SOLUTION AS PREVIOUSLY ENVISAGED.

3. MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES TOWARDS
LAVARES ALSO APPEAR TO HAVE STRENGTHENED POLICING
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ATTACKS ON THE GOV DURING THE RECENT SIP CONFERENCE
IN SANTO DOMINGO.

4. THEREFORE, THOSE WORKING ON BEHALF OF
LAVARES NOW INTEND TO MAKE A SECOND APPROACH TO THE
BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT (PROBABLY THE FOREIGN MINISTER)
THROUGH THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, STEVEPO GOMES.

5. [REDACTED] SITUATION AS
INCREASINGLY CLEAR AND NOW ANTICIPATES THAT AS MUCH
AS ONE YEAR'S TIME MAY PASS BEFORE HE IS RELEASED.
LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN MEANINGFUL INTERVENTION
BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY
DISCARDED AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE GOV AS
A SOLUTION.

6. COMMENT: THE LAVARES CASE HAS CLEARLY RUN...
INTO A SWAG, AND WE ARE AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT TURNING
POINTS WE MIGHT TAKE HERE TO BRING IT LOOSE. DURING...

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PAST MONTHS WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH TAVARES' LAWYERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND HAVE APPROACHED FORKIN AND MILITARY COMMANDERS IN CHIEF ON HIS BEHALF. WE DOUBT WHETHER THE GOU CAN BE MOVED FURTHER THAN ITS REPORTED WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE TAVARES IF THE GOM OR GCP WILL INTERVENE ON HIS BEHALF. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE EMBASSY MEXICO CITY'S ASSESSMENT OF [REDACTED] STATEMENT THAT RELATIONS ARE STRAINED BETWEEN "EXCELSIOR" AND THE GOM AND THAT GOM IS NOT SENSITIVE TO TAVARES' SITUATION. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY MEXICO CITY AND DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING WHETHER EMBASSY MEXICO CITY IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM MIGHT BE ABLE TO STIMULATE SOME ACTION TO MOVE THIS CASE OFF DEAD CENTER.

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